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Ms. Doreen McGookey
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OR96-1571

Dear Ms. McGookey:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 37584.

The City of Dallas Police Department (the "department") has received a request for "any documents related to previous requests to the DPD for copies of Crime Watch Chairpersons lists and denial of those requests." You state that the department will release most of the requested information. You contend, however, that the names of crimewatch members are excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101 and 552.108 of the Government Code.

Section 552.108 excepts from disclosure "[i]nformation held by a law enforcement agency or prosecutor that deals with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime," and "[a]n internal record or notation of a law enforcement agency or prosecutor that is maintained for internal use in matters relating to law enforcement or prosecution." Gov't Code § 552.108; *see Holmes v. Morales*, 924 S.W.2d 920 (Tex. 1996). We have reviewed the records submitted for our review and conclude that section 552.108 of the Government Code excepts the records from required public disclosure.¹

¹Because we conclude that you may withhold the information under section 552.108, we do not address your arguments under section 552.101.

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and should not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Loretta DeHay". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Loretta" being more prominent than the last name "DeHay".

Loretta R. DeHay
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Open Records Division

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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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